

REMARKS

The Action requires that the Applicant elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is held to be allowable.

Applicant provisionally elects the species disclosed in Figure 5, with at least claims 1-6, 9-19, 22, 34 and 35 being readable thereon. This species election is made with traverse. Applicant is entitled to a reasonable number of species and should not be restricted to a single disclosed species. The number of species recited in the claims does not require a burdensome search to properly examine the claims. Therefore, Applicant requests the restriction to the specific species be withdrawn.

Furthermore, Applicant submits that claim 1 is generic to each of these embodiments. Specifically, claim 1 recites an intraocular lens system including a high minus portion adapted to supplement the natural or existing artificial lens and be implanted in the eye to create a lens system that functions as a telediopic lens system which, when used without an external lens, provides unmagnified and peripherally unrestricted vision and which, when used with an external lens, provides magnified and peripherally restricted vision to correct for macular degeneration. Each of the species identified in the office action are covered by this claim. Specifically, each species is an intraocular lens system including a high minus portion adapted to supplement the natural or an artificial lens. Furthermore, each species is a lens system that functions as a telediopic lens system which, when used without an external lens, provides unmagnified and peripherally unrestricted vision and which, when used with an external lens, provides magnified and peripherally restricted vision to correct for macular degeneration.

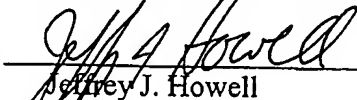
As noted in the listing of the claims, claims 1, 2, 4-15 and 17-26 have been amended and claims 34 and 35 have been added to further define the invention.

For all these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider all claims on the merits, and early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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